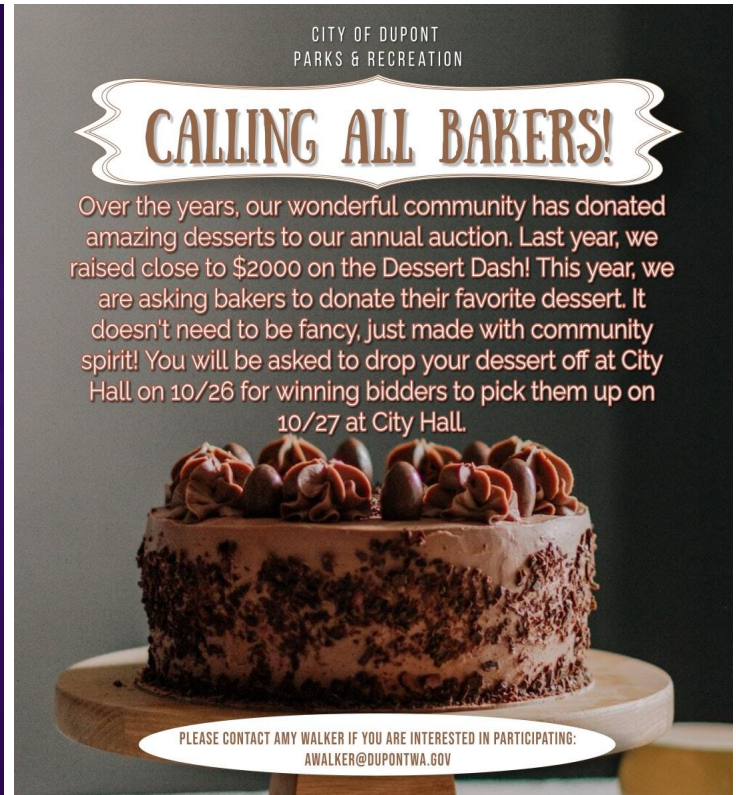




# CITY OF DUPONT'S WEEKLY BITS & BYTES

Friday, September 1, 2023

## Parks and Recreation



### It's the Great Auction, City of DuPont!

Hey DuPont, it's time for one of the most anticipated events of the year- our largest annual fundraising auction. Online bidding occurs **October 7<sup>th</sup> thru 14<sup>th</sup>** with more unique items than ever before. You are going to love you see!

Donations to this year's event are happily accepted and no donation is too small. We can incorporate just about anything into a gift basket, so please keep us in mind when donating this year! We are also looking for local bakers to donate to the Dessert Dash portion of the auction.

All auction information can be found here:

[Parks & Recreation Annual Auction | DuPont, WA - Official Website \(dupontwa.gov\)](https://www.dupontwa.gov/parks-recreation/annual-auction)

## City News

### Labor Day Fun Facts:

- Labor Day is ALWAYS the first Monday of September even though the first official Labor Day was *actually* celebrated on Tuesday September 5, 1882 in New York City.
- Labor Day is considered the end of hot dog season. According to the National Hot Dog and Sausage Council, from Memorial Day to Labor Day, Americans typically consume 7 billion hot dogs. That's 818 hot dogs consumed every second during that time.



# Parks and Recreation



## Downtown Trick or Treating

Local Businesses and residents are gearing up for one of our most anticipated events of the year. Parks & Recreation invites all community members to downtown DuPont for Downtown Trick or Treating on **Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 3:00-5:00 pm**, Halloween Day. We are very grateful to our local businesses for graciously opening their doors to our community during this annual tradition. If you are a local business not on Wilmington Drive and want to participate, please contact Amy Walker at [awalker@dupontwa.gov](mailto:awalker@dupontwa.gov).

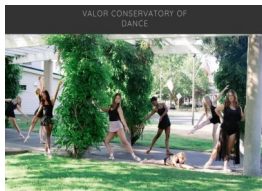


## Fall Farmers Market

Parks & Recreation is currently seeking vendors and non-profits for our fall Farmers Market which is scheduled for **Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-4:00 pm** at Clocktower Park. The fall market has proven to be one of our most attended markets of the year as we say goodbye to summer and welcome fall and all its bounty. If you are interesting in being a vendor, please contact Emma Wiegand at [ewiegand@dupontwa.gov](mailto:ewiegand@dupontwa.gov).

## Lunch, Movie....Action!

The monthly Senior Lunch & Movie is back after a short July intermission. Seniors are invited to attend our monthly gathering of lunch and a movie on **Tuesday, September 19**. If you are interested in attending, please watch for details on our City website the Friday before the event. Movie choices and departure time will be announced up to a week prior to the event. Pre-registration is required, and the fee to participate is just \$10 (plus tax), which includes lunch and a movie. *If you need help with the online registration process, please give us call, as we are here to help! Movie-goers may call Amy Walker at (253) 405-9698 with any questions.*



## 2023/2024 Dance Classes

Registration for the 2023/2024 dance season is open with Valor School of Dance! Parks & Recreation is pleased to partner with Valor for another year of quality dance instruction for our families right here in DuPont at our Community Center in historic DuPont. Our dance program continues to grow at astonishing rates and we are expanding our programs to meet the need. Registration info can be found here: [Classes | DuPont, WA - Official Website \(dupontwa.gov\)](https://www.dupontwa.gov/classes)

# DuPont Historical Museum

## Game on!

### Come play against friends and family!

Come to the DuPont Museum on the last Sunday of each month to play board games! Games and snacks will be provided but you can also bring your own game to share. The next Board Game Day will be **Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**. DuPont Historical Museum - 207 Barksdale Ave., DuPont





## I-5, Mounts Rd. to Steilacoom-DuPont Rd. - Corridor Improvements



**DuPont residents, please see the information below as it could affect travel times this summer!** The WSDOT contractor has started the geotechnical investigation for the I-5, Mounts Rd. to Steilacoom-DuPont Rd. - Corridor Improvements Project.

**WSDOT Project overview (from website):** To relieve chronic traffic congestion and improve mobility along I-5 in the vicinity of Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WSDOT will rebuild the interchange of Steilacoom-DuPont Road (Exit 119) and extend HOV lanes on I-5 in the DuPont area. This will support congestion relief on I-5 during peak traffic periods while maintaining access to neighboring communities and JBLM. The new interchange includes grade separation of the roadway over the railroad. The final design incorporates a partial Diverging Diamond Interchange, which reduces vehicle conflict points and improves efficiency with fewer traffic signals.

This project could affect your commute at times and bike routes, so please check WSDOT's website at the link below for the latest project updates. WSDOT contact information for this project can be found at the link below and then clicking on the contact tab towards the bottom of the webpage. Please be advised that a new bike route will take effect on August 1, 2023. More information will be forthcoming.

*DUPONT – Contractor crews working for the Washington State Department of Transportation will close lanes and ramps on northbound Interstate 5 in DuPont between Center Drive and 41st Division Drive overnight the week of Sept. 5. Full press release: [Alert Center • DuPont, WA • CivicEngage \(dupontwa.gov\)](#)*

For more information please visit: [I-5 - Mounts Rd. to Steilacoom-DuPont Rd. - Corridor Improvements | WSDOT \(wa.gov\)](#). Project Hotline: 253-600-1206.

## PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT UPDATE

### A Work in Progress!

The installation of the new playground equipment at Clocktower, Sellers, and Edmond Village is well underway. Not only are we upgrading to new and exciting toys, but we are also improving drainage and access to each site.



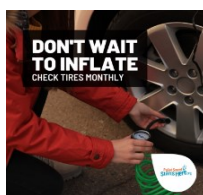
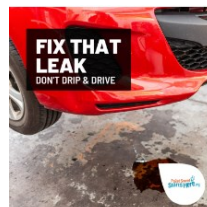
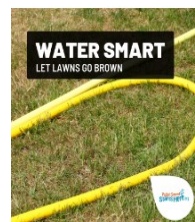
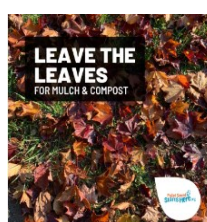
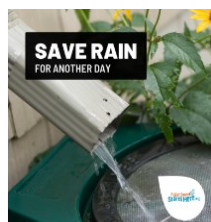
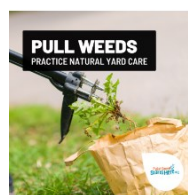
## Puget Sound Starts Here!

The city is one of many partners working as a coalition to improve water quality in Puget Sound. Puget Sound Starts Here has compiled a resource of 23 simple actions you and your family can take to help protect what you love and prepare for a future we want. Use it as a starting point to inspire your own path to healthier, safer choices for your home, yard, car, dog, community, and environment – and for new ways to save money and the planet. Challenge yourself and others to get informed and commit to small steps every month of the year for cleaner water. Our lives and livelihoods depend on it, and it feels good to be part of the solution. Together our investments compound over time for a healthy future and beloved Salish Sea. Ready to get started?

<https://pugetsoundstartshere.today/2023/04/21/the-ultimate-earth-month-action-resource-23-small-steps-to-a-cleaner-healthier-puget-sound-and-future/>



1. STOP SPRAYING
2. GO NATIVE
3. PULL WEEDS
4. MANAGE RAIN
5. WATER SMART
6. PLANT A TREE
7. LEAVE THE LEAVES
8. ADOPT A STORM DRAIN
9. BE SAFER
10. USE A CAR WASH
11. FIX THE LEAK
12. DON'T WAIT TO INFLATE
13. PUMP THE SEPTIC
14. SAVE YOUR BACON
15. DON'T FLUSH THAT WIPE!
16. DO THE ZERO POO
17. BRING A SPARE
18. KEEP DOGS SAFE
19. KEEP PUPS SAFE
20. SEE SALMON RUN
21. INSTALL A RAIN GARDEN
22. LET ONLY RAIN DOWN THE DRAIN
23. CLEAN WATER IS OUR FUTURE





# DuPont Police Department



## Weekly Activity Report

*Duty \* Professionalism \* Dedication*



**Total Calls for Service 08/21/23 – 08/27/23: 254**  
**Average per day: 36.28**

The "Total Calls for Service" statistic above includes, but is not limited to, the following incidents:

### EMERGENCY & PATROL INCIDENTS

07 Citizen Assists  
04 Agency Assists  
01 Community Oriented Policing  
02 Noise Complaints  
01 Sex Offender Verification  
04 Suspicious Vehicle  
70 Traffic Stops  
02 Traffic Complaints  
02 Welfare Checks  
06 9-1-1 Calls – Accidental  
04 Suspicious Vehicle  
01 Accidental Discharge of Weapon  
02 Suspicious Person  
04 Subject Stop

### PROPERTY & OTHER CRIMES

01 Residential Burglary  
01 Theft  
01 Vandalism

### CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

01 Domestic Violence/Assault 4  
01 Malicious Mischief 3rd Degree/Domestic Violence  
01 Crimes against a Child (Active Investigation)

### ARRESTS/REFERRALS

01 Arrest - Domestic Violence Assault 4 - booked into jail  
01 Arrest - Malicious Mischief 3rd Degree - booked into jail

### DEPARTMENT NEWS

- An officer conducted a ride along with a citizen.
- Officers completed seven hours of online training.

### REPORTING AN INCIDENT? NEED AN OFFICER?

- To report an emergency, dial 9-1-1
- To report a non-emergency, dial (253) 287-4455
- If you aren't sure, let us help you by dialing (253) 964-7060

If you have non-urgent questions, suggestions, want to file a complaint or commend a D.P.D. staff member, we appreciate the opportunity to assist you. You may reach us via email at [Police@dupontwa.gov](mailto:Police@dupontwa.gov) or by telephone at (253) 964-7060.

### DOWNLOAD THE DUPONT POLICE APP TODAY!



# DuPont Police Department

## A MESSAGE FROM PIERCE COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: READY - SET - GO! KNOW WHAT TO DO IN AN EMERGENCY

With smoke recently inundating our region and the evacuations for the wildfires in the Spokane area on people's minds, the four Western Washington counties of King, Pierce, Snohomish, and Thurston are joining forces, along with partners, to launch a regional "Ready, Set, Go!" Evacuation Campaign. This initiative aims to simplify evacuation messages to the public. These clear, straightforward messages are intended to save lives as people prepare to evacuate.

Due to climate change, the risk of wildfires has spread to the west side of the Cascades, an area that historically has not seen widespread wildfires. Once a rare occurrence, wildfires have now become an annual threat, requiring public outreach and preparation.

The "Ready, Set, Go!" evacuation campaign informs the public on how to respond to the three levels of evacuations (traditionally Levels 1, 2, and 3), and prepares them on the actions they should take at each level when alerted by authorities.

This evacuation program is also intended for an all-hazards evacuation approach with an initial emphasis on wildfires.

### Key Components of the Campaign:

**Level 1 "Ready" Phase:** Be aware of the danger in your area and start preparing for possible evacuation. Monitor local media and check on neighbors. If you do not already have an evacuation plan or a Go! kit, assemble these now. Conditions can change suddenly, and you may not receive a Level 2 "Be Set" warning before you are ordered to Level 3 "Go!" Prepare both the inside and outside of your home for fire. Leave if you feel unsafe -- do not wait for an official evacuation order.

**Level 2 "Set" Phase:** Short notice evacuation likely in your area (Level 2) – Be prepared for sudden evacuation. People who need help or more time to evacuate — people with disabilities, people with small children, people with medical conditions and people with large animals — should evacuate now. Ensure your evacuation plan checklist is complete and that your Go! kit is in your vehicle. Stay informed and be aware of alerts from local law enforcement and fire departments. Always remember to leave if you feel unsafe, do not wait for an official evacuation order.

**Level 3 "Go" Phase:** Evacuate immediately from your area (Level 3) – Go now! Danger in your area is current or imminent. Follow directions from law enforcement or fire departments and do not return home until officials have determined it is safe. Notification that it is safe to return home will be given as soon as possible.

The "Ready, Set, Go!" Evacuation Campaign is a testament to the power of collaboration. By bringing together the expertise of multiple counties, emergency response agencies, and community organizations, the campaign can create a more resilient and informed population.

Residents of King, Pierce, Snohomish, and Thurston Counties are encouraged to participate actively in the "Ready, Set, Go!" Evacuation Campaign. By preparing their homes, accessing informational materials, and staying informed about local emergency updates, individuals can play a vital role in enhancing the safety and preparedness of their communities.

<https://www.piercecountywa.gov/104/Emergency-Management>

<https://www.facebook.com/PierceCountyEM>



## National Fentanyl Prevention and Awareness Day

Would you share the message if  
you could save a life?



### ILLICIT FENTANYL IS THE SINGLE DEADLIEST DRUG THREAT OUR NATION HAS EVER ENCOUNTERED.



#FACINGFENTANYL

Families impacted by fentanyl want you to know what we didn't before it's too late. Americans are dying every 5 minutes from a drug death. Children under 14 are dying from fentanyl poisoning faster than any other age group. Distributors are reaching youth through social media apps like SNAPCHAT to make it effortless to obtain drugs. Starting the conversation about fentanyl and teaching prevention is essential to saving lives. Together we can share the message about dangerous drugs and spare families from the devastation of fentanyl poisoning.

BE AWARE, BE SAFE, BE ALIVE.



#ONEVOICE

YOU CAN  
#BETHECHANGE

### WE NEED YOU

National Fentanyl Prevention and Awareness Day on August 21 was created by families impacted by a fentanyl death and grassroots organizations bringing awareness to the dangers of illicit fentanyl. We need all hands on deck to warn Americans and work for solutions to save lives, and WE NEED YOU. Every effort can save a life. We are proud to be supported by:

- The Drug Enforcement Agency DEA
- National Sheriff's Association
- Project Optima
- National Crime Prevention Council

- Home Land Security HSI
- Centers for Disease Control CDC
- Trucking Cares Foundation

Call or email to be added to our list of supporters  
Project Facing Fentanyl  
Email: [andrea@voicesforawareness.com](mailto:andrea@voicesforawareness.com)  
Phone: 970.250.8449

- Tell someone
- Share the facts
- Hold an event
- Start a social media campaign
- Join our list of supporters

### IT'S ABOUT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION ALL YEAR LONG



#STOPITBEFOREITSTARTS

Project Facing Fentanyl is the home of National Fentanyl Prevention and Awareness Day. August 21st is important to us, but saving lives is important every day of the year. Over 200,000 people died from fentanyl poisoning and other drug deaths in the last three years and expected to grow. Our families are busy every day working in every aspect of the fentanyl crisis. The flood of fentanyl into our country and the public health crisis it poses is unprecedented. Sadly, with the deaths, the list of issues continues to grow. We are urgent for solutions and to work with people and organizations that can effect positive change. We welcome new partners to collaborate with and are always interested in ways to grow our voice.



Recovery communities in action sharing our message

As we approach **Fentanyl Prevention and Awareness Day on August 21st** and International Overdose Awareness Day on August 31st, we want to emphasize that each life lost to a drug death is equally important regardless of the drug or day memorialized. August is a month to bring awareness to all drug-related deaths. Drugs have become more dangerous and deadlier than ever before. Fentanyl is attacking in a different way than drugs of the past. Fentanyl kills users, the unsuspecting, and those experimenting. Over 200,000 people have died in 2 years from drug-related deaths. Fentanyl is in counterfeit pills that look real and other drugs that pose as heroin or cocaine. When Fentanyl is in pills, powders, and Marijuana, it is clear there is no end to the possibilities of dangers. Recently xylazine and other deadly substances have been mixed with Fentanyl leaving people to overdose or poison without a quick response antidote. Supply, addiction, stigma, lack of education, accountability, recovery options, and mental health are pieces to the problem. We must work together for solutions to save human lives, regardless of the "particulars" of this fight. There is no one way, and all the answers have become important. One thing is sure: Teaching prevention and educating people can save lives.

Please join us on August 21st for National Fentanyl Prevention and Awareness Day.

**FACINGFENTANYLNOW.ORG**



Let's all commit to about prevention

<https://facingfentanylnow.org/>  
<https://www.dea.gov/>

#OnePillCanKill

**National Fentanyl Prevention and Awareness Day was August 21st but  
it's all about awareness and prevention all year long!**

# DuPont Fire Department

**Response Information:** The table below shows general responses. Details, if needed, are listed to better explain the response. The yellow highlighted areas in the "Current" column are statistics from the past week and the "Year" statistics include all responses since January 1<sup>st</sup> of this year.



(Category) Description	Details	Current	Year
(10) Fire, other			3
(11) Structure Fire			4
(13) Mobile property (vehicle) fire			5
(14) Natural vegetation fire			9
(15) Outside rubbish fire			0
(25) Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition			1
(30) Rescue, emergency medical call (EMS), other			2
(31) Medical assist			16
(32.1) Emergency medical service (EMS) incident		12	401
(32.2) Motor vehicle accident with injuries		1	17
(33) Lock-In			0
(35) Extrication, rescue			0
(36) Water or ice-related rescue			2
(40) Flammable gas or liquid condition, other			0
(41) Combustible/flammable spills & leaks			5
(42) Chemical Release, reaction or toxic condition			3
(44) Electrical wiring/equipment problem			1
(50) Service call, other			33
(51) Person in distress			9
(53) Smoke, odor problem			2
(54) Animal problem or rescue			1
(55) Public service assistance			25
(56) Unauthorized burning			1
(60) Good intent call, other			9
(61) Dispatched and canceled en route			35
(62) Wrong location, no emergency found		1	2
(65) Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke			10
(66) EMS call-transported by non-fire agency			1
(70) False alarm and false call, other		1	10
(71) Malicious, mischievous false alarm			0
(73) System or detector malfunction		3	29
(74) Unintentional system/detector operation (no fire)		1	13
(91) Citizen complaint			1
Unknown			0
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>19</b>	<b>650</b>

Transport	Current	Year
Allenmore		1
Madigan	3	83
Mary Bridge	2	46
St. Clare	3	82
St. Joseph	1	27
St. Peters		8
Tacoma General		11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>258</b>

<b>ALS</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>263</b>
<b>BLS</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>154</b>

Calls by time of day (8-hr blocks):		
0000-0759	4	126
0800-1649	11	311
1700-2359	4	213
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>650</b>

Calls by day of the week:		
Sunday	2	72
Monday	3	88
Tuesday	3	86
Wednesday	2	121
Thursday	1	105
Friday	6	88
Saturday	2	90
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>650</b>

Mutual Aid / Multiple Calls:		
DPF Received	1	45
DPF Provided	1	32
Multiple Calls	1	76

## Safety Message - Fall Fire Safety

- \* Replace the batteries in your smoke and CO alarms & locate fire extinguishers.
- \* Develop a home fire safety and evacuation plan.
- \* Bring fire safety to work through proper training and a post-fire recovery plan.
- \* Check your Heating System!

### Here are a few things you can do to reduce the risk of furnace fires:

- Regularly replace furnace filters.
- Keep all areas around the furnace clean and unobstructed.
- Keep the burner area clean and clear of debris.
- Keep all combustible items at least six-inches away from the vent pipe.
- Never close off more than 20% of heat registers.

*If there are any issues with your heating system, contact a professional immediately. For preventative care, have your central heating system cleaned and serviced by a certified HVAC contractor once annually.*

- \* If you have a fireplace keep it clear of debris, and have it inspected each year.

### Additionally, here are a few things you can do to enhance fireplace safety:

- Use a fireplace screen, guard, or glass doors to keep hot ash and sparks contained.
- Store extra wood, and other types of combustible materials, at least five-feet away from your fireplace.
- Never leave a fire unattended.
- Burn seasoned hardwoods, such as oak, that have been split and stored in a safe and dry environment for at least six-months.
- Keep fires small – Never overload your fireplace.
- When building a fire, strategically place logs on a metal grate at the back end of your fireplace; always use kindling to ignite fire.





- ### Sample Escape Plan



Memorize your fire department's emergency phone number and write it below:

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# ROCKING THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST



## OPEN HOUSE

DuPont Pioneer Aggregate Plant  
4301 Pioneer Way, DuPont, WA

Saturday, September 9, 2023  
11:00 am to 1:30 pm  
(lunch served at 11:30 am)

COME ROCK THE  
DAY AWAY WITH  
WALLY & THE  
BEAVES



### DuPont Rock Contest

**GNW/CPC Rocks will be hidden starting Saturday, August 5, 2023. Go to the DuPont Rocks Facebook Page to find hints and post your photo with your rock. Each family is limited to 3 rocks which you bring to the Open House for an opportunity to win \$100. One special blue rock will be hidden and the person who finds it will receive a special surprise. Every Rock found is a donation of \$10 to the Patriots Athletic League.**



RSVP TO SUSAN PATANE BY 9/6/23

909.809.0015

SUSANLPATANE@SLRSL



09.09.2023





# City Council and Calendars

Next City Council Meeting will take place on September 12, 2023.

## Helpful Meeting Links:

- ◇ **City of DuPont Meetings** can be watched live or later at:  
City's YouTube channel: ([https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCInrLK1wNfpq3\\_CeNJw40A](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCInrLK1wNfpq3_CeNJw40A)).
- ◇ **Regular Council Meetings** can be watched live or later at the City's YouTube channel  
and/or at: Pierce County TV (<https://www.piercecountytv.org/1306/DuPont-Live-Meetings>).
- ◇ **Agendas**, once published, are officially posted on the bulletin board at City Hall and available  
at the following link: <https://dupont.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/777/>.
- ◇ **Minutes**, after they are passed, are available at: <https://dupont.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/7/>.



Regular City Council meetings begin at 6:00 PM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month.

Published agendas can be found on the website's homepage; click on the meeting date on the City of DuPont Calendar and then "**Download Agenda**".



Date	Time	UPCOMING MEETINGS
9/4/2023		Labor Day, City Hall - CLOSED
9/4/2023	6:00 PM	<del>Park &amp; Recreation Commission Meeting</del> -CANCELED (Rescheduled to 9/12/2023)
9/11/2023	5:00 PM	Tree Advisory Commission Meeting
9/11/2023	6:30 PM	Planning Commission Meeting
9/12/2023	11:00 AM	Civil Service Commission
9/12/2023	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting
9/12/2023	6:00 PM	Park & Recreation Commission Meeting (Joint meeting with City Council)
9/21/2023	6:00 PM	Tree Advisory Commission Meeting
9/26/2023	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting

Date	ACTIVITIES - SAVE THE DATE!	Location/Information
9/19/2023	Senior Movie & Lunch	<a href="#">Adults &amp; Seniors   DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov)</a>
9/24/2023	Board Game Day	<a href="#">DuPont History Museum   Events (dupontmuseum.com)</a>
9/24/2023	Fall Farmers Market	
10/7-10/14/2023	The Great Auction and Dessert Dash	<a href="#">Parks &amp; Recreation Annual Auction   DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov)</a>
10/14/23	2023 Fall Cleanup	<a href="#">Calendar • DuPont, WA • CivicEngage (dupontwa.gov)</a>